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MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
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**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

Home to over 350,000 Armenian-Americans -- the largest population of any county in the nation -- Los Angeles County has been greatly enriched by the vast contributions of Armenian-Americans economically and culturally in business, academia, government and the arts.

On the centennial of the first holocaust of the 20th Century, we solemnly commemorate the Armenian Genocide in which the Turkish Ottoman Empire murdered over 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children. Despite overwhelming evidence, the Turkish government still denies the occurrence of an Armenian Genocide.

Many international and American leaders and elected officials from local, state and federal governments have forcefully condemned the atrocities committed against the Armenians and are calling on Turkey to acknowledge the Genocide and its participation in it.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the interim Chief Executive Officer to prepare a five-signature letter to President Obama urging him to petition the Turkish government to finally and officially recognize the Armenian Genocide in order promote healing and resolution.

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